



Winchester



# National Award for 1<sup>st</sup> Winchester Scout Group



From left to right: Alex Peace-Gadsby, Chief Commissioner, England; Dave Kesby, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> Winchester Scouts; Steve Backshall, BBC TV presenter; Bruce Martin, Group Scout Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Winchester Scouts; Amir Cheema, MBE, UK Commissioner for Adult Support.

## Third Place for Inclusivity out of 7,238 Scout Groups!

- Dave Kesby and Bruce Martin travelled to Scout Summit17 at Warwick University to receive an Award from the BBC Presenter, Steve Backshall. The Award is for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Innovative Diversity Project across UK Scouting and is for their Group and supporters at the 1<sup>st</sup> Winchester (Weeke & Harestock) Scouts.
- This national award recognises their local initiative to start a new Scout section for existing Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts who have additional needs. These young people who want to be part of regular scout meetings also want to share in this second *Scouting Plus* meeting on Saturday mornings to focus on their individual needs by way of dedicated adult and Explorer Young Leader support for their Scouting activities.
- The 1<sup>st</sup>'s *Scouting Plus* initiative has been so successful that it has attracted Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from across Winchester's eleven other Scout Groups.

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